

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 4, 2010

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20500

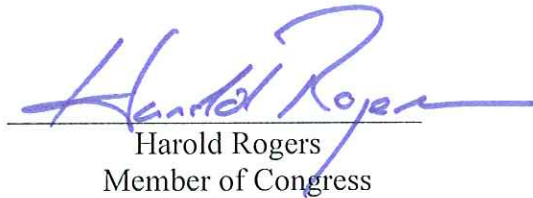
Dear Mr. President:

We write to respectfully ask for your approval of Governor Steve Beshear's request to declare a major disaster to include Public Assistance and Individual Assistance for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of heavy rains, flooding, high winds, tornadoes, mudslides, and flood damage beginning May 1, 2010. Additionally, we support the Governor's request that this major disaster declaration be cost shared 100% for public assistance categories A-G and direct federal assistance for the first seven days.

As you are no doubt aware, this storm brought severe thunderstorms across the Commonwealth causing damaging winds, torrential rain, and flooding that paralyzed many counties. Local officials inform us the flooding occurring in these areas is simply overwhelming. Roads, sewer systems, clean water systems, ambulance services, and buildings are either being washed away by the heavy floods or being overrun by large amounts of water that is contaminated, which causes drinking water to be unsafe. Over the last year the Commonwealth has been hit by several disasters depleting state and local resources for response, which is why federal assistance is direly needed.

On behalf of our constituents, thank you for your prompt attention to the federal assistance request from Governor Beshear.

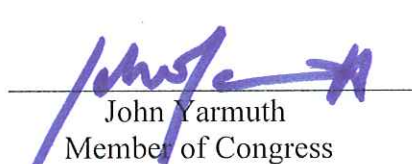
  
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